



# St Nicholas Linton January 2026

## Services and events at Linton and around the Benefice

### Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle at East Farleigh  
4.30pm Children's service at Coxheath  
6pm Carol Service at Hunton  
9.30pm Christmas Eve Communion at West Farleigh  
11.15pm Midnight Communion at Coxheath



### Christmas Day at 10am **10am Family Service and Communion at Linton**

10am Family Worship at Coxheath

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am Holy Communion at Coxheath

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Christmas 2

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh  
9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton  
11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

#### **9.30am Morning Worship at Linton**

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh  
11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

#### **12 noon - Holy Communion in Linton Church.**

A short, informal service, followed by some refreshments. All are welcome.

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh  
9.30am Family Service at Hunton  
11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton  
9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh  
11am All Age Worship at Coxheath

### Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

10am to 12 noon Linton Community Coffee Morning in Church. (No coffee morning in December).



### Christmas Wreath Workshop

16 of us had a great time in December making beautiful Christmas wreaths. Thank you to Pam and Donna and all who attended and raised £300 for church funds. If you didn't manage to get along to that, why not come along just before Mothering Sunday 2026 to create a floral basket. Put the date in your diary - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please register your interest with Kath Cooper (07876 101390). Open to the whole Benefice.

### Pastoral Letter from the Rector

Happy New Year!

As I walk into this New Year I could make a million resolutions – ranging from the mundane (be more creative, bake cakes, remember to put the bins out every week, mow the lawn more than once this year, go proper food shopping once in a while) to the more meaningful (choose a better attitude, be more intentional with my time, speak less, love more.)

The likelihood is that most of them won't even get off the starting blocks. But I might write a list at some point. Just to make it feel like I am trying.

I do love a list. In the jumpity-round chaos that so often makes up my thought processes, the humble list is my happy place.

So, I decided I would at least start the year on a positive note: With a list (to remind me why writing a list might help me achieve some of my aims!) Here we go...

1) Lists are solid. Thoughts are fleeting. But a list? I can see that. I can't forget I need to do something if it's written down before my eyes (can I?)

2) Lists are a positive action. Even if I can't face doing something, at least I have acknowledged it needs doing. On some days, that's progress!

3) Lists bring order. They are like a map. I can see where I am and where I need to be and what I need to do to get there.

4) Lists are encouraging. A list with everything crossed off is a reminder that life does shift and move and that, even if it's one thing at a time, things can change!

5) Ticking things off a list feels good.

I wonder what is on your list for 2026? What are you looking forward to? What are you hoping will change this year? Whatever it is, I hope that you meet joy along the road - in the big things and the small. And I hope you can face difficult things with the assurance of love around you.

Happy New Year. Be blessed.

*Lorna*

Dementia Group On the first Tuesday of the month, 6<sup>th</sup> January, Age UK are now holding a dementia group drop in gathering for tea and coffee between 1 – 3pm in Holy Trinity Coxheath. No need to book but if you would like more information please contact Tracy on 01622 753618

### Brew and Bite at Holy Trinity Coxheath

We are open during school term times every Tuesday 12 noon-7pm. From 5.30 – 7pm this is a time specifically for a youth group in school years 7 -13 There is no charge but you are invited to give a donation if you so wish

Benefice Kids – Bible Brick Builders running from after school until 5pm at Holy Trinity, Coxheath. The club is suitable for children in school years 1 - 6. To book a place (only 20 available) and for more information please email [becky.thecat@btopenworld](mailto:becky.thecat@btopenworld)



We have a Give-a-little account to enable web donations to St Nicholas Church. As we don't have any mobile or internet signal in the church

we are unable to have a 'sum-up' box, but if you click on the link or the QR code it will take you to our Give-a-little page for donations.



<https://givealittle.co/c/xxwq1j2vTAIepiHL878wE>

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### **Second-hand book library in St Nicholas**

If you love it, keep it. £1

If it's a good read, swap it for another. 50p

Donations welcome

*Since 2023 we have raised £77 from selling books in our library back to 'World of Books'. Thank you!*

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### **BENEFACTORS**

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<https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/>

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Ladies Prayer Group Dawn Burnell

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Benefice Safeguarding Officer - Margaret Poole

Our Benefice and five Benefice Churches website is

[www.unitedbenefice.church](http://www.unitedbenefice.church)



The United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh,  
Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh